



## Archaeological Observation

Weobley-Dilwyn Phase 2 Mains  
Refurbishment Scheme

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# 1. Non Technical Summary

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*Archaeological observation of water mains refurbishment works was undertaken within and around the historic village of Weobley between October 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 and May 10<sup>th</sup> 2007, with excavations occurring continuously during this period.*

*A number of archaeological finds were made comprising the remains of masonry walls relating to:*

*1/ A small cottage occupying a narrow strip of land immediately fronting onto the south side of Kington Road, which is marked on the Weobley tithe map of 1838, the Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6-inch map of 1888 and subsequent Ordnance Survey maps until the early 1950s. The irregular coursing of the wall and the substantial nature of the masonry suggest that it was probably built during the early post-medieval period and subsequently repaired at some point in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

*2/ A series of four small 'vote houses' of probable early post-medieval date belonging to the Marquis of Bath and shown on the Weobley tithe map of 1838. These properties occupied a small rectangular enclosure at the southwest corner of Bell Square, immediately fronting onto the street, and appear to have been largely demolished in 1844-45.*

*3/ A wall or culvert which ran east/west along the north side of Bell Square, immediately to the west of the Red Lion Hotel, a Grade II\* Listed building of 14<sup>th</sup> century date. The 1838 tithe map of Weobley shows a range of outbuildings fronting onto Bell Square. By 1887, however, the Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> edition 25-inch map shows that this range of outbuildings had been partially demolished and a garden plot laid out. It would seem likely that these masonry remains were related to these demolished outbuildings, which may have been of late medieval or early post-medieval date and were taken down at some point between 1838 and 1887.*

*4/ The foundations of a stone boundary wall running along the east side of Back Lane and marking the western end of a rectangular enclosure shown on the Weobley tithe map of 1838 and the Ordnance Survey 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6-inch map of 1888. No finds were recovered in association with the wall, although the irregular coursing of the masonry suggests an early post-medieval date*

*Significantly, the archaeological observation confirmed that no archaeology was damaged or disturbed during the programme of works without being recorded.*

## 1.1 Referencing Data Summary

*Laing O'Rourke / DCWW Scheme / Works No: E131*

*Monitoring Authority correspondence: Ref. 2004/Laing/113*

*Laing O'Rourke / DCWW Map Nos: E131-05, E131-08 & E131-09*

## 2. Introduction

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This report details the archaeological observation programme undertaken by Border Archaeology for Laing O'Rourke, on behalf of Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) in the village of Weobley Herefordshire. The area where the works were undertaken corresponds to scheme maps E131-05, E131-08 & E131-09 supplied by Laing O'Rourke / DCWW.

Herefordshire Council advised on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2004 (Ref. 2004/Laing/113) that an archaeological watching brief should be conducted in specific areas of archaeological sensitivity, namely within and immediately around the historic town of Weobley.

The groundworks formed part of DCWW's refurbishment programme, the exact locations of which were determined by engineering considerations, archaeological observation being required in order to observe the excavation of access pits and to record as appropriate any remains, features and finds wherever located within the working area, thus providing a formal measure of the impact of the engineering works (whether positive or negative). The principal method of mains renewal carried out was pipe bursting, which required the excavation of access pits to allow bursting rigs to be installed and intermediate pits to access service pipes to individual properties.

This report was completed in July 2007 after due consultation that no return to the area for water quality assurance reasons was envisaged. Copies of this report will be submitted to DCWW, Laing O'Rourke, Herefordshire Council and the county Sites and Monuments Record.

### 2.1 Soils & Geology

The predominant soil type in the vicinity of the site consists of typical argillic brown earths of the ESCRICK 1 series (571p) generally composed of deep well drained reddish coarse loamy soils overlying reddish till (Soil Survey of England and Wales, 1983).

## 3. Historical & Archaeological Background

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The origins of settlement at Weobley can be traced back to before the Norman Conquest. The earliest documented reference occurs in the Domesday Survey of 1086, which records that the manor of 'Wibelai' (a place name of OE origin meaning 'Wiobba's clearing') was held before the Conquest by Edwy Cild and was then valued at 100s (Thorn & Thorn, 1983, 184d).

By 1086, the manor of Weobley had come into the hands of the prominent Marcher lord Roger de Lacy and it was probably Roger or his son Hugh de Lacy who built Weobley Castle in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century, which thereafter functioned as the *caput* or administrative centre of the de Lacy estates in Herefordshire. It has been suggested that Bell Square could represent the centre of the pre-Conquest settlement, prior to the establishment of a planned urban settlement at Weobley.

The foundation of the borough of Weobley is not accurately dated (due to the lack of a borough charter) but documentary evidence suggests that a planned urban settlement was established there by the early to mid-13<sup>th</sup> century. Weobley received a royal



confirmation of an annual fair in 1231 and a weekly market by 1261 and shops are documented in the borough in 1294 (Dalwood, 1996, 2; Salt, 1954, 11, 19). The focal point of the planned medieval borough of Weobley was evidently the triangular market place in Broad Street to the N of the castle, which is defined on either side by blocks containing regularly distributed narrow burgage strips, as shown on the Weobley tithe map of 1838. Some of these burgage strips were subsequently amalgamated into larger plots during the mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> century, as shown on the OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 25-inch map of 1887.

Weobley appears to have escaped the depredations of the Welsh during the revolt of Owain Glyndŵr in the early 15<sup>th</sup> century, unlike many other Marcher towns, which may account for its relative prosperity during the late medieval and early post-medieval periods, attested by the survival of a significant number of timber-framed buildings ranging in date from the late 14<sup>th</sup> to the early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries (Dalwood, 1996, 7; Noble, 1964, 69). Among these is Old Corner House, a Grade II\* Listed Building of 15<sup>th</sup> century date with mid 19<sup>th</sup> century alterations, which was further extended in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. The house is L-shaped in plan and comprises a hall range and a gabled and jettied cross-wing (RCHME, 1934, 199).

The Tudor antiquarian John Leland, writing in about 1540, noted that Weobley still flourished as a market town, while the historian William Camden commented in 1586 that Weobley 'had more fair cellars than most market towns of its bigness in England'. In 1628, the borough was re-enfranchised and returned members of parliament until it was disenfranchised as a parliamentary borough by the Reform Act of 1832 (Hillaby, 1967, 105-6).

By the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, the urban settlement at Weobley was experiencing a marked decline in prosperity, which appears to have intensified throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> century. A contemporary observer, Richard Blome, writing in 1698, commented that Weobley 'formerly enjoyed a good trade which is of late less considerable by the growth of its neighbouring town, Kington' (O'Donnell, 1971, 191). This economic decline is corroborated by the architectural evidence for a decline in the quality of mid-late 17<sup>th</sup> century buildings in Weobley and the almost complete absence of any new buildings in the town of 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century date (Dalwood, 1996, 8).

Documentary evidence suggests that Weobley had ceased to be a town in all but name by the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The disenfranchisement of the borough as a result of the 1832 Reform Act led to many of the burgage or 'vote houses' held by the lord of the manor, the Marquess of Bath, falling into disuse, although census returns indicate that some of the vote houses in Broad Street continued to be occupied until as late as 1841. Consequently, in 1844-45, the Marquess of Bath instructed his agent to pull down the majority of the 'vote houses' and up to 84 buildings were demolished (Leather, 1926, 174). The foundations and paving stones associated with these structures were still visible on the E side of Broad Street as late as 1926 (Leather, 1926, 175).

## 4. Methodology

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The aim of the programme of archaeological observation was to locate and record any archaeological remains revealed during the course of the groundworks and to confirm that no impact on the archaeological resource occurred without recording.



Full written, graphic and photographic records were made using *pro forma* record forms and sheets (Institute of Field Archaeologists 1994, revised 2001). The depth and complexity of deposits were assessed and a written record of all trenching and pits maintained using numbered record sheets providing information regarding depth, stratum number, description, date of observation and name of personnel. The location of each observation point is given as both an NGR reference obtained using Global Positioning System (GPS) and a written description.

All groundworks were machine excavated under archaeological supervision using a toothless bucket and associated spoil was scanned for artefacts. A photographic record was maintained using 4.2MPX digital and 35mm colour print formats.

## 5. Archaeological Observation

### 5.1 Table of Results

Pits and sections of open cut trenching where no archaeology was identified (NAI) are listed in the following tables by date, National Grid Reference, observation point reference, soil profile description and assessment of archaeology; those where archaeology was present but not deemed significant (NSA) are in addition highlighted in grey. The presence of significant archaeology is indicated in the table by blue highlighting.

For the purposes of this report, significant archaeology is defined as that which is likely to contribute to archaeological knowledge within a local, regional, national or international context. Generally, unstratified remains or those of recent origin that commonly occur in excavations are not considered archaeologically significant, although it is recognised that unstratified items or remains may be of high intrinsic value, in which case these will be retained.

Areas where the archaeological observation did not locate finds or features of significance are given limited stratigraphic relationship descriptions within the table. Further information regarding areas where no archaeology was located will be retained in the site archive.

Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
17/10/06	Mill Bank on verge opposite 'Highbury'	SO 40182 51372 Pit WL1	Reddish topsoil >> firm pinkish silty clay, frequent small stones & abraded CBM fragments	NAI
17/10/06	Mill Bank in road adjacent to front garden of 'Chamberwell Cottage'	SO 40235 51414 Pit WL2	Tarmac road surface >> dark brown topsoil >> sandy gravel >> moderately compacted plastic mid red silty clay	Metal artefacts, wood fragments, CBM C19-C20
17/10/06	Mill Bank opposite 'Richmond' next to banked verge	SO 40213 51397 Pit WL3	Tarmac road surface >> sand & gravel >> firm mid red silty clay	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
18/10/06	Mill Bank in verge opposite 'Richmond' driveway	SO 4021951401 Pit WL4	Topsoil >> firm mid red silty clay	Worked stone rubble
18/10/06	20m NE of junction of B4230 and unclassified road at SW end of Mill Bank on verge	SO 40081 51311 Pit WL5	Topsoil >> moderately compacted plastic mid red silty clay & CBM	NAI
19/10/06	Mill Bank opposite side of road to pit WL5 in gateway	SO 40090 51298 Pit WL6	Tarmac road surface >> stone & grit >> moderately compacted mid brown sandy clay >> firm plastic mid red silty clay	Butchered cattle bone
19/10/06	Mill Bank 40m NE of junction of B4230 and unclassified road	SO 40089 51317 Pit WL7	Topsoil >> loose light greyish-brown sandy clay, CBM & tarmac fragments >> moderately compact dark brown silty clay, frequent angular stones	NAI
20/10/06	Mill Bank 27m SW of Pit WL1 on banked verge	SO 40188 51393 Pit WL8	Topsoil >> firm mid red silty clay, frequent small pebbles	NAI
24/10/06	Back Lane in entrance to Museum	SO 40063 51277 Pit MS1	Tarmac road surface >> stone sub-base >> firm mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
24/10/06	Back Lane opposite 'The Old Forge'	SO 40235 51493 Pit MS2	Tarmac road surface >> gritty aggregate sub-base >> yellow aggregate >> moderately compacted mid red sand silty clay, occasional rounded stones	NAI
26/10/06	Back Lane outside 'Silver Birches'	SO 40204 51528 Pit WL9	Tarmac road surface >> stony sub-base >> firm mid redeposited reddish sandy clay, very frequent pebbles & subangular stones	NAI
26/10/06	Back Lane 15m S of WL9	SO 40215 51511 Pit WL10	Tarmac road surface >> asphalt sub-base >> grey grit >> firm mid reddish sandy gritty clay, frequent pebbles & subangular stones, moderate gravel inclusions	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
27/10/06	Back Lane outside 'Silver Birches' 1.3m N of WL9	SO 40203 51527 Pit WL11	Topsoil >> tarmac road surface >> grey gritty clay/stone >> firm mid redeposited silty clay, moderate pebbles	NAI
27/10/06	Entrance to 'Weobley Local History Centre'	SO 40178 51570 Pit WL12	Tarmac road surface >> grey gritty clay aggregate >> firm mid redeposited silty clay, moderate pebbles & CBM	NAI
30/10/06	Back Lane outside 'Willow Cottage'	SO 40159 51599 Pit WL13	Tarmac road surface >> loose mid brown sand >> firm brown sandy clay, very frequent angular stones >> moderately compact reddish-brown sandy clay, frequent angular & subangular stones concrete CBM & animal bone	Cast iron fixture in side of trench embedded in concrete, probably base of hand pump
1/11/06	Back Lane outside 'Misty Glen'	SO 40163 51589 Pit MS3	Tarmac >> firm mid reddish sandy clay, moderate small subangular stones	See Section 5.2: Substantial boundary wall foundation
2/11/06	Back Lane outside 'Willow Cottage'	SO 40157 51596 SO 40155 51604 Pit MS4	Stone sub-base >> topsoil >> moderately compacted mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
03/11/06	Back Lane end of driveway to 'Woodcote'	SO 40142 51628 Pit MS5	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> former tarmac layer >> moderately compact reddish sandy clay >> firm light brown reddish silty clay, occasional small stones	NAI
03/11/06	Back Lane outside 'The Pippins'	SO 40128 51643 Pit MS6	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
03/11/06	Back Lane outside 'Old Orchard'	SO 40127 51653 Pit MS7	Tarmac road surface >> firm reddish-brown sandy clay,	NAI





Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
			occasional CBM & small stones >> moderately compact reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small stones	
03/11/06	Opposite No16 Burton Gardens	SO 40517 51462 Pit MS8	Tarmac footpath >> aggregate/stone sub-base >> moderately compact reddish sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
03/11/06	Opposite No11 Burton Gardens	SO 40531 51424 Pit MS9	Tarmac footpath >> aggregate tarmac sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
03/11/06	Outside No 25 Burton Gardens	SO 40560 51496 Pit MS10	Tarmac footpath >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
03/11/06	Outside No 7 Burton Gardens	SO 40568 51428 Pit MS11	Tarmac footpath >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small sandstone fragments	NAI
06/11/06	Between Nos 19 & 21 Burton Wood Crescent	SO 40668 51423 Pit MS12	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact sandy clay	NAI
06/11/06	Back Lane opposite 'Bell House'	SO 40117 51677 Pit MS13	Topsoil >> firm mid red clay, small subangular stones	NAI
07/11/06	Back Lane at N end of junction with Bell Square	SO 40114 51696 Pit MS14	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> firm mid red sandy clay, occasional small CBM & subangular stones	NAI
07/11/06	Burton Crescent opposite car park	SO 40652 51357 Pit MS15	Tarmac >> aggregate cement sub-base >> moderately compacted mid red sandy clay	NAI
07/11/06	Outside Nos 21 & 23 Burton Crescent	SO 40676 51597 Pit MS16	Tarmac >> aggregate concrete sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay	NAI



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08/11/06	Outside No 20 Burton Gardens	SO 40523 51478 Pit MS17	Tarmac >> aggregate cement sub-base >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
08/11/06	Outside No 18 Burton Crescent	SO 40644 51384 Pit MS18	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact reddish-brown clay, occasional small stones	NAI
09/11/06	Outside No 66 Burton Gardens	SO 40606 51379 Pit MS19	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
09/11/06	Opposite Burton Crescent car park	SO 40650 51362 Pit MS20	Tarmac >> aggregate cement sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay	NAI
13/11/06	Outside No 4 Burton Wood	SO 40525 51419 Pit MS21	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional CBM	NAI
14/11/06	Outside No 10 Burton Wood	SO 40607 51435 Pit MS22	Tarmac >> aggregate concrete sub-base >> moderately compacted mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
16/11/06	Bell Square by entrance to barn	SO 40116 51701 Pit MS23	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones & CBM	NAI
17/11/06	Mill Bank adjacent to 'Chamberwell Cottage'	SO 40242 51433 to SO 40242 51422 Pit MS24	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
20/11/06	Mill Bank adjacent to 'Chamberwell Cottage' and 'Mill House'	SO 40242 51429 to SO 40238 51434 Pit MS25	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
21/11/06	Outside St Peter & St Paul's Church	SO 40151 51874 Pit MS26	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
			mid red sandy clay, occasional small, medium & large sandstone fragments	
21/11/06	Church Road outside St Peter & St Paul's Church	SO 40142 51976 Pit MS27	Topsoil >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
21/11/06	Church Road outside 'The Vicarage'	SO 40164 51802 Pit MS28	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
22/11/06	Church Road entrance to 'Bellbeck House'	SO 40163 51774 Pit MS29	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small sandstone fragments	NAI
22/11/06	Church Road outside 'The Vicarage' at side of building	SO 40163 51792 Pit MS30	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones & CBM	NAI
22/11/06	Church Road entrance to 'Bellbeck House'	SO 40164 51750 Pit MS31	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay	NAI
28/11/06	Church Road outside 'The Vicarage'	SO 40164 51783 Pit MS32	Tarmac >> stony sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional CBM & subangular stones	NAI
28/11/06	Church Road adjacent to churchyard wall	SO 40148 51876 Pit MS33	Tarmac road surface >> concrete sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones	NAI
29/11/06	Outside No 69 Bearcroft	SO 40445 51870 Pit MS34	Tarmac footpath >> concrete & aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional CBM & small stones	NAI
29/11/06	Outside No 72 Bearcroft	SO 40451 51855 Pit MS35	Tarmac driveway >> concrete & stone sub-base >> moderately compact	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
			mid red sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones & CBM	
29/11/06	Outside No 67 Bearcroft	SO 40433 51865 Pit MS36	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
29/11/06	Outside No 71 Bearcroft	SO 40461 51862 Pit MS37	Tarmac road surface & kerb brace >> concrete & aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional CBM & small stones	NAI
29/11/06	Opposite No 77 Bearcroft	SO 40414 51775 Pit MS38	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional CBM	NAI
30/11/06	Bearcroft at junction with cul-de-sac to Nos 22-27	SO 40446 51756 Pit WL14	Tarmac road surface >> stony aggregate sub-base >> firm mid red silty clay, occasional stones	NAI
01/12/06	Bearcroft in cul-de-sac Nos 22-27 in turning area	SO 40405 51715 Pit WL15	Tarmac road surface >> gritty sub-base >> firm mid red silty clay, occasional small stones	NAI
04/12/06	In road outside 'The Red Lion Hotel'	SO 40219 51743 Pit WL16	Tarmac road surface kerb brace >> stony sub-base >> yellowish sand clay >> firm mid red silty clay, occasional small stones	NAI
04/12/06	Outside electricity substation Bearcroft	SO 40445 51721 Pit WL17	Tarmac >> gravel sub-base >> firm mid red silty clay, moderate stone inclusions	NAI
05/12/06	Outside No 91 Bearcroft	SO 40496 51753 Pit WL18	Tarmac pavement >> stone & grit sub-base >> firm mid red silty clay, occasional small stones	NAI
05/12/06	Outside 'The Red Lion Hotel' on corner	SO 40227 51735 Pit WL19	Tarmac road surface >> cement brick rubble stony sub-base >> moderately compact mid red silty	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
			clay, occasional subangular stones tarmac lumps & charcoal flecking	
06/12/06	Bell Square in road opposite junction with Church Road	SO 40168 51692 Pit WL20	Tarmac road surface >> stony aggregate sub-base >> weakly cemented red clay 45% stones >> firm mid red gritty sand, frequent pebbles & subangular stone	Post-medieval horseshoe
07/12/06	Bell Square on roadway outside 'Bellbrook'	SO 40133 51671 Pit WL21	Tarmac >> weakly cemented grey clay stony sub-base >> weakly cemented reddish sandy clay, frequent subangular stones >> masonry wall remains >> firm mid reddish sand clay & grit, frequent small stones >> loose grey grit	See Section 5.2: Post-medieval masonry wall
07/12/06	Bell Square outside 'Manor House'	SO 40141 51682 Pit WL22	Tarmac >> firm mid red clay, frequent small & medium angular stones >> firm dark red sandy clay, frequent small stones	Pit extended to expose pipe over C19-C20 culvert
07/12/06	Church Road churchyard wall	SO 40122 51968 to SO 40140 51978 Pit WL23	Topsoil >> moderately compact mid red silty clay, some sandy inclusions, occasional small stones	NAI
10/12/06	Bell Square outside W end of 'The Red Lion Hotel'	SO 40194 51725 Pit WL24	Tarmac >> grey stony sub-base >> firm mid red silty clay redeposited in places, occasional rubble & brown clay >> masonry wall remains	See Section 5.2: Probable wall/culvert running E-W along N side of Bell Square
11/12/06	Bell Square outside 'Brook Cottage' at N end of road crossing	SO 40185 51727 Pit WL25	Tarmac >> light greyish-brown stony clay sub-base >> well cemented reddish clay, frequent angular stones >> masonry wall remains >> firm mid red sandy clay, frequent stones	See Section 5.2: Probable wall/culvert running E-W along N side of Bell Square
13/12/06	Outside No 46 Bearcroft	SO 40327 51813 Pit TW1	Tarmac >> hardcore sub-base >>	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
			moderately compacted mid reddish-brown silt sand clay, occasional small angular sandstone fragments	
13/12/06	Footpath access next to No 46 Bearcroft	SO 40323 51814 Pit TW2	Tarmac >> hardcore sub-base >> moderately compact silt sand clay, occasional small sandstone fragments	NAI
13/12/06	Outside No 49 Bearcroft	SO 40327 51812 Pit TW3	Tarmac >> gravel sub-base >> moderately compact mid brown silty clay sand, occasional small sandstone fragments	NAI
14/12/06	Outside No 40 Bearcroft	SO 40359 51749 Pit TW4	Tarmac >> hardcore sub-base >> firm mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional charcoal flecking >> firm mid reddish-brown sandy clay	NAI
14/12/06	Bell Square outside 'May Cottage'	SO 40177 51725 Pit TW5	Tarmac >> gravel sub-base >> firm pinkish sandy clay, frequent small angular sandstone fragments >> loose mid brownish-red clayey sand gravels, occasional small sandstones	NAI
15/12/06	Bell Square between 'Manor House' and 'Bell Brook'	SO 40133 51701 – SO 40140 51709 Pit TW6	Tarmac >> stony sub-base >> moderate to firm pinkish sandy clay >> moderately compact mid greyish-red silt sand clay, occasional to moderate small angular sandstone fragments	NAI
15/12/06	Bell Square outside 'Ella's Cottage'	SO 40169 51706 Pit TW7	Topsoil >> moderately compact pinkish sandy clay, moderate small angular sandstone fragments	NAI
03/01/07	Bearcroft at junction with Gadbridge Road	SO 40548 51624 Pit WA1	Tarmac >> yellowish gritty clay & stony sub-base >> moderately compact	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
			mid red silty clay, occasional gravel inclusions	
04/01/07	Gadbridge Road outside 'The Farthings'	SO 40472 51597 Pit WA2	Tarmac footpath kerb brace >> loose mid brown sand >> moderately compact mid reddish-brown sand silty clay, roots, moderate pebbles & sandy inclusions >> firm mid grey clay & stony sub-base >> moderately compact mid red silty clay, occasional subangular stones	NAI
04/01/07	Entrance to No 3 Portland Close	SO 40272 51807 Pit WA3	Tarmac >> yellowish stony sub-base >> moderately compact dark reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
04/01/07	Church Road in SE corner next to churchyard wall	SO 40163 51969 Pit WA4	Tarmac >> yellowish stony sub-base >> yellowish gravel & cement >> firm light red silty clay, moderate small & medium stones	NAI
04/01/07	Church Road next to churchyard wall opposite 'Newstead'	SO 40195 51909 Pit WA5	Topsoil >> tarmac >> firm mid reddish-brown sandy clay, frequent rounded stones >> indurated concrete >> moderately compact mid red silty clay, greyish gravel inclusions	NAI
05/01/07	Church Road on corner of churchyard continuation of pit WA4	SO 40159 51979 to SO 40152 51976 Pit WA6	Moderately compact dark brown silty clay >> moderately compact mid reddish-brown sand silty clay, small angular stone inclusions	NAI
09/01/07	Church Road in road opposite 'Dell Cottage' garden	SO 40226 51773 Pit WL26	Tarmac road surface >> yellowish gritty sand & stony sub-base >> redeposited moderately compacted mid red silty clay frequent small subangular stones & gravel	NAI
09/01/07	Broad Street in road	SO 40260 51655	Tarmac >> road	NAI



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
	outside 'The Bear'	Pit WL27	stone sub-base >> grey gritty stony sand >> firm mid red silty clay occasional stones >> firm light brown orange silty clay	
10/01/07	Broad Street in road outside 'The Bear' to E of previous pit in this location	SO 40260 51660 Pit WL28	Tarmac >> road stone sub-base >> moderate to firm silty clay occasional small stones >> firm yellow light brown silty clay	NAI
10/01/07	Broad Street in road outside 'The Gables'	SO 40258 51674 Pit WL29	Tarmac road surface >> firm mid red silty clay occasional small stones >> firm light brown yellow silty clay	NAI
10/01/07	Broad Street in road in entrance to 'The Gables'	SO 40253 51677 Pit WL30	Tarmac >> firm mid reddish gritty clay occasional small stones >> firm light brown silty clay	NAI
10/01/07	Broad Street on road opposite gateway to No 4	SO 40240 51705 Pit WL31	Tarmac >> hardcore sub-base >> firm weakly cemented red sandy clay very frequent 40% pebbles & large angular stones	NAI
10/01/07	Broad Street on road outside No 3	SO 40260 51764 Pit WL32	Tarmac road surface >> firm grey grit & stony pipe bedding >> well cemented redeposited reddish silty clay very frequent 40% angular sandstones	NAI
12/01/07	Chapel Orchard S of castle remains outside No 5	SO 40490 51329 Pit WL33	Tarmac pavement >> moderately compacted mid reddish silty clay frequent small stones >> greyish stone trench infill	NAI
12/01/07	Chapel Orchard outside No 6	SO 40483 51331 Pit WL34	Tarmac >> moderately compacted mid reddish silty clay occasional small stones >> grey stony infill	NAI
15/01/07	Bell Square outside 'The Red Lion Hotel'	SO 40216 51724 Pit MS39	Tarmac & kerb brace >> concrete & aggregate sub-base	NAI





Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
			>> moderately compacted mid red sandy clay occasional large sandstones & small subangular stones	
16/01/07	Church Road between Portland Close and 'The Red Lion Hotel' car park	SO 40224 51762 to SO 40231 51763 Pit MS40	Tarmac road surface >> concrete & aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted mid red sandy clay subangular sandstones	NAI
17/01/07	Broad Street outside hair stylists on corner	SO 40225 51726 to SO 40235 51709 Pit MS41	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted mid red sandy clay frequent small subangular stones	NAI
21/01/07	Whitehill Park Industrial Estate outside 'The Dairy House'	SO 39396 52141 Pit TW8	Tarmac >> gravel sub-base >> gravel trench fill >> redeposited moderately compacted mid reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
22/01/07	Kington Road Industrial Estate in B4230 opposite entrance to 'Primasil'	SO 39407 52015 Pit TW9	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> black ashy stony deposit >> loosely compacted mid brown topsoil >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
23/01/07	Kington Road Industrial Estate on verge of B4230 next to bridge opposite second entrance to 'Primasil'	SO 39465 51946 Pit TW10	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> loosely compacted mid brown silty clay topsoil occasional post medieval CBM >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
29/01/07	Opposite No 23 Burton Wood	SO 40684 51398 Pit MS42	Tarmac footpath >> stony sub-base >> moderately compacted mid red sandy clay	NAI
30/01/07	B4230 on verge	SO 39625 51904	Topsoil >> tarmac	See Section



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
	opposite 'Park View'	Pit WL35	road surface >> moderately compacted brownish-red sandy clay moderate stones >> post medieval wall >> firm mid red clay	5.2: Masonry remains of probable post-medieval date
01/02/07	Whitehill Park Industrial Estate outside offices of 'Wilds Brewery'	SO 39424 52168 Pit MS43	Moderately compacted loamy topsoil >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown clay with frequent root activity occasional subangular stones	NAI
01/02/07	B4230 entrance to Whitehill Park Industrial Estate	SO 39405 52161 Pit MS44	Topsoil >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown clay with frequent root activity occasional subangular stones >> moderately compacted dark brown clay with occasional post-med CBM & small subangular stones	NAI
01/02/07	B4230 entrance to Whitehill Park Industrial Estate left of 'Wilds Brewery'	SO 39412 52162 Pit MS45	Tarmac road surface >> concrete & gravel sub-base >> reddish-brown clay with occasional post-med CBM & occasional small subangular stones	NAI
01/02/07	Outside 'Eagle Services' Whitehill Park Industrial Estate	SO 39408 52134 Pit MS46	Tarmac road surface >> concrete & gravel sub-base >> concrete deposit >> reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional CBM & small subangular stones	NAI
05/02/07	Meadow Street (B4230) outside 'Dairy Farm'	SO 39989 51848 Pit MS47	Tarmac pavement surface >> concrete & gravel sub-base >> reddish-brown sandy clay with small subangular stones	NAI
06/02/07	Meadow Street (B4230) outside rear boundary of 'Cwm House'	SO 39882 51907 Pit MS48	Tarmac road surface >> former tarmac surface >> aggregate & gravel sub-base >> reddish-brown sandy clay with frequent	NAI



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			large sandstone fragments >> moderately compacted yellowish-brown silty clay	
07/02/07	Meadow Street (B4230) outside 'Kingsmead'	SO 39818 51900 Pit MS49	Tarmac road surface >> moderately compacted dark brown clay with occasional post-med CBM & small subangular stones >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown silty clay with occasional large subangular stones	NAI
07/02/07	Meadow Street (B4230) outside 'Kingsmead'	SO 40228 51717 Pit MS50	Tarmac pavement surface >> gravel & aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional post-medieval CBM fragments	NAI
07/02/07	Broad Street outside 'The Weobley Bookshop'	SO 40276 51618 Pit MS51	Concrete kerb >> concrete kerb brace >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional post-medieval CBM fragments	NAI
07/02/07	Broad Street outside 'The Bear'	SO 40261 51654 to SO 40249 51655 Pit MS52	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional large subangular stones	NAI
12/02/07	Broad Street outside 'Mellington House'	SO 40272 51637 Pit MS53	Tarmac road surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
12/02/07	Broad Street outside 'Stanmar'	SO 40279 51613 Pit MS54	Tarmac pavement surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small	NAI



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			subangular stones	
12/02/07	Broad Street outside 'The Cottage'	SO 40288 51590 Pit MS55	Tarmac pavement surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compact mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
12/02/07	Broad Street outside 'The Corner Shop'	SO 40291 51576 Pit MS56	Tarmac pavement surface >> concrete sewer chamber	NAI
13/02/07	Outside garage to 'The Weobley Bookshop'	SO 40278 51618 Pit MS57	Concrete kerb >> concrete kerb brace >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional small rounded stones	NAI
13/02/07	Broad Street outside Nicholas Craddock Estate Agents	SO 40299 51571 Pit MS58	Tarmac pavement surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional large subangular stones	NAI
14/02/07	Outside No 2 Portland Street	SO 40260 51656 Pit MS59	Tarmac pavement surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional small subangular stones >> moderately compacted dark brown silty clay with freq small subangular stones	NAI
15/02/07	Portland Street outside 'The Old School Shop'	SO 40190 51613 Pit WL36	Kerb brace >> orange sand levelling deposit >> concrete sub-base >> moderately compacted dark brown sandy silty clay with moderate small to medium subangular stones	NAI
15/02/07	Portland Street	SO 40322 51533 Pit WL37	Kerb brace >> orange sand levelling deposit >> concrete sub-base >> moderately	NAI



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			compacted mid reddish-brown sandy silty clay with moderate small to medium subangular stones	
15/02/07	Outside No 4 Portland Street	SO 40277 51587 Pit WL38	Kerb brace >> brown sand levelling deposit >> concrete sub-base >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional small to medium subangular stones	NAI
19/02/07	Portland Street opposite junction with 'The Salutation Inn' PH	SO 40273 51553 Pit WL39	Tarmac road surface >> yellowish stony sub-base >> moderate to firm mid reddish-brown silty clay with moderate small angular stones & concrete fragments	NAI
21/02/07	Outside 'Portland House'	SO 40261 51539 Pit MS60	Concrete kerb >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with occasional large subangular stones	NAI
21/02/07	Broad Street between 'Spring Cottage' and 'Littlebrook Cottage'	SO 40257 51536 Pit MS61	Tarmac pavement surface >> aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown sandy clay with small subangular stones	NAI
21/02/07	High Street opposite 'Market Pitch Cottage' in centre of road	SO 40287 51580 Pit MS62	Tarmac road surface >> compact aggregate sub-base >> firm mid red sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
22/02/07	Section of open-cut trenching from 'The Salutation Inn' PH to 'Market Pitch Cottage' High Street	SO 40272 51552 to SO 40282 51364 Pit MS63	Tarmac road surface >> sub-base of compact aggregate & indurated concrete >> firm reddish-brown sandy clay, frequent subangular stones	NAI
23/02/07	High Street centre of road opposite 'Market Pitch Cottage'	SO 40282 51565 Pit MS64	Tarmac road surface >> compact aggregate sub-base	NAI



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			>> firm mid red sandy clay, occasional small subangular sandstone fragments	
26/02/07	5m section of open-cut trenching located starting at junction of Back Lane & High Street opposite 'The Old Forge'	SO 40222 51505 to SO 40227 51507 Pit MS65	Tarmac road surface >> sub-base of tarmac and indurated concrete >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay	NAI
27/02/07	9.4m section of open-cut trenching starting at entrance to 'Silver Birches' at junction of Back Lane & High Street	SO 40227 51507 to SO 40238 51522 Pit MS66	Tarmac road surface >> sub-base of indurated concrete and tarmac >> moderately compact mid red sandy clay, occasional large sandstone fragments	NAI
28/02/07	'Throne View Cottage' Gadbridge Road	SO 40374 51582 Pit MS67	Tarmac road surface >> compact aggregate sub-base >> firm mid red sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
28/02/07	Outside No 11 Gadbridge Road, opposite rear of 'The Throne'	SO 40399 51589 Pit MS68	Tarmac road surface >> compact aggregate sub-base >> firm mid red sandy clay, occasional medium subangular stones & CBM	NAI
28/02/07	High Street 4m section of open-cut trenching outside 'Silver Birches'	SO 40238 51522 to SO 40236 51510 Pit MS69	Tarmac road surface >> compact aggregate sub-base >> firm red sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
01/03/07	'Spring Cottage', leading to rear of No 1 Portland Street	SO 40256 51533 Pit MS70	Tarmac road surface >> indurated concrete sub-base >> firm mid red sandy clay, occasional small stones 30-60mm	NAI
01/03/07	Centre of Portland Street & High Street junction, opposite 'The Salutation Inn' PH	SO 40275 51547 Pit MS71	Tarmac road surface >> compact aggregate sub-base >> firm mid red sandy clay, occasional large subangular stones, occasional CBM	NAI
02/03/07	Portland Street outside 'Tudor Guest House'	SO 40253 51630 Pit MS72	Paving stones >> sub-base >> moderately compact reddish-brown silty sandy clay, occasional small	NAI



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			sandstone fragments & CBM	
05/03/07	Hereford Road 30m S of 'The Old School House'	SO 40497 51028 Pit JA1	Blocked lined inspection chamber >> mid brown silty clay topsoil >> mid reddish-brown silty clay subsoil, occasional CBM fragments >> mid reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
05/03/07	Hereford Road 3m S of entrance to	SO 40484 51099 Pit JA2	Mid brown sandy clay topsoil >> reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
13/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Old Barn' next to 'Oak View'	SO 40418 51388 Pit WL40	Topsoil >> tarmac pavement sub-base >> indurated concrete sub-base >> firm redeposited red silty clay, occasional small subangular stones	NAI
13/03/07	Hereford Road adjacent to side entrance to 'Jasmine Cottage'	SO 40422 51382 Pit WL41	Kerb brace / pavement >> tarmac / concrete cement layer >> firm mid orange silty clay, occasional pebbles & CBM	NAI
13/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Oak View' immediately E of castle remains	SO 40409 51358 Pit WL42	Kerb brace, tarmac pavement >> concrete, stone & sand sub-base >> plastic dark reddish-brown silty clay >> linear brick structure with stone capping	Late C19-C20 brick culvert
14/03/07	E side of Hereford Road	SO 40419 51453 Pit WL43	Kerb brace >> topsoil >> moderately compacted reddish silty clay, frequent pebbles & subangular stones	NAI
		SO 40423 51405 Pit WL43	Tarmac >> stony sub-base >> plastic reddish silty clay, occasional small stones	NAI
14/03/07	Hereford Road, opposite 'Castle Orchard'	SO 40405 51454 Pit WL44	Kerb brace / pavement >> friable dark brown silty clay, moderate small stones >> stony sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, occasional	NAI



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			angular stones	
14/03/07	E side of Hereford Road	SO 40417 51488 Pit WL45	Tarmac >> greyish-yellow sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay	NAI
		SO 40423 51481 Pit WL45	Topsoil >> tarmac >> greyish-yellow stony sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, root disturbance >> redundant tarmac horizon	NAI
14/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'The Throne' next to brick built section	SO 40380 51558 Pit WL46	Kerb brace / pavement >> stony gravel sub-base >> indurated concrete >> moderately compact to firm mid red sand-silt-clay, occasional small stones	NAI
15/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Fairlawn', opposite 'Castle End'	SO 40391 51535 Pit WL47	Tarmac >> sandy stony sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, small & medium subangular stones	NAI
15/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Fairlawn'	SO 40395 51527 Pit WL48	Tarmac >> concrete gritty sub-base >> firm red silty clay	NAI
15/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Castle House'	SO 40400 51513 Pit WL49	Tarmac >> stony sub-base / former tarmac layer >> firm red silty clay	NAI
	Hereford Road outside 'Wits End'	SO 40404 51489 Pit WL49	Tarmac >> stony sub-base >> firm mid reddish-brown silty clay, occasional CBM & stones where redeposited	NAI
	Hereford Road outside 'Wits End'	SO 40407 51491 Pit WL49	Tarmac >> stony sub-base / former tarmac layer >> firm mid red silty clay, occasional small stones	NAI
	Hereford Road outside 'Castle View'	SO 40409 51489 Pit WL49	Tarmac >> stony sandy sub-base >> firm mid red silty clay, occasional angular stones	NAI
16/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Mayfield'	SO 40372 51533 Pit WL50	Tarmac >> stony sandy sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, occasional small subangular stones, occasional post-medieval ceramic	NAI





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			sherds	
16/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Old Barn'	SO 40429 51305 Pit WL51	Tarmac pavement >> stony sandy sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, occasional subangular stones >> indurated concrete >> modern chamber / culvert	NAI
16/03/07	Hereford Road outside 'Troisdorf'	SO 40386 51537 to SO 40389 51537 Pit WL52	Tarmac >> stony sub-base >> firm redeposited reddish-brown silty clay, occasional subangular stones	NAI
20/03/07	Bearcroft outside No 18	SO 40457 51687 Pit WL53	Tarmac >> stony sub-base >> firm / plastic mid orange silty clay	NAI
20/03/07	Next to entrance to No 19 Bearcroft	SO 40473 51681 Pit WL54	Tarmac >> stony grit sub-base >> moderately compacted brownish-red silty clay, occasional rounded stones / root disturbance >> moderately compacted / plastic red silty clay, occasional CBM	NAI
20/03/07	On footpath outside No 19 Bearcroft	SO 40452 51683 Pit WL55	Tarmac >> stony, gritty sub-base >> moderately compacted to firm reddish-brown silty clay, occasional rounded stones & root disturbance	NAI
21/03/07	Bearcroft in cul-de-sac outside No 46	SO 40334 51822 Pit WL56	Tarmac >> hardcore / stony sub-base / indurated concrete >> firm reddish sandy clay, moderate angular & subangular stones	NAI
26/03/07	In garden to rear of No 20 Burton Wood	SO 40652 51284 Pit JA3	Moderately compacted mid reddish-brown silty clay >> moderately compacted mid reddish-brown silty clay, occasional brick fragments >> linear cut of pipe trench >> clean reddish-brown	NAI



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			silty clay	
26/03/07	In garden to rear of No 21 Burton Wood	SO 40676 51273 Pit JA4	Moderately compacted mid brown silty clay, moderate charcoal flecking >> redeposited mid brown silty clay, occasional post-medieval CBM >> cut for utility trench >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
27/03/07	In garden to rear of No 23 Burton Wood	SO 40693 51278 Pit JA5	Moderately compacted mid brown silty clay, moderate charcoal >> moderately compacted redeposited, mid brown silty clay, occasional modern CBM	NAI
27/03/07	Outside No 16 Burton Wood	SO 40618 51227 Pit JA6	Tarmac >> aggregate sub-base >> redeposited reddish-brown silty clay, occasional post-medieval CBM	NAI
27/03/07	In garden to rear of No 17 Burton Wood	SO 40613 51265 Pit JA7	Moderately compacted mid brown silty clay >> moderately compacted redeposited mid reddish-brown silty clay, occasional post-medieval CBM fragments	NAI
27/03/07	Opposite No 27 Burton Wood	SO 40703 51282 Pit JA8	Tarmac >> kerb brace >> loose – moderately compacted reddish-brown silty clay, frequent brick & modern CBM fragments	NAI
27/03/07	Outside No 103 Bearcroft 'The Roost'	SO 40551 51631 Pit JA9	Concrete kerb >> concrete kerb brace >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
		SO 40553 51627 Pit JA9	Concrete kerb >> concrete kerb brace >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI



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28/03/07		SO 40554 51621 Pit JA9	Concrete kerb >> clean gravel trench fill >> disturbed reddish- brown silty clay, frequent modern CBM	NAI
		SO 40557 51613 Pit JA9	Concrete kerb >> concrete kerb brace >> clean reddish- brown silty clay	NAI
29/03/07	Gadbridge Road junction with Bearcroft	SO 40549 51624 to SO 40579 51626 Pit JA10	Tarmac >> firm gravel sub-base >> mid brown silty clay, occasional CBM >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
29/03/07	Gadbridge Road junction with Bearcroft	SO 40549 51617 Pit JA11	Tarmac >> gravel & aggregate sub-base >> clean reddish- brown silty clay, occasional subangular stones	NAI
30/03/07	Opposite No 9 Apple Meadow	SO 40581 51621 to SO 40566 51619 Pit JA12	Tarmac >> indurated concrete sub-base >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
02/04/07	Opposite No 9 Apple Meadow	SO 40590 51623 to SO 40583 51625 Pit JA13	Tarmac >> gravel sub-base >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
02/04/07	Hereford Road outside 'The Throne'	SO 40382 51550 Pit JA14	Brick course >> tarmac >> brick pavement edging >> tarmac sub-base >> gravel sub-base >> redeposited mid brown silty clay, occasional modern pipe debris >> cut of former water main >> moderately compacted to firm reddish silty clay	NAI
02/04/07	In field opposite entrance to Apple Meadow	SO 40592 51634 to SO 40587 51631 Pit JA15	Moderately compacted dark greyish-brown silty clay >> loose – moderately compacted dark blackish-brown silty clay, frequent modern CBM & metalwork >> moderately compacted redeposited mid reddish-brown silty	NAI



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			clay	
03/04/07	Gadbridge Road opposite Apple Meadow	SO 40575 51584 Pit WL57	Moderately compacted dark reddish-brown silty clay, moderate angular stones >> tarmac / kerb brace >> loose dark reddish sandy clay >> greyish grit & stone sub-base >> moderately compacted / plastic red silty clay	NAI
04/04/07	Hereford Road parking area outside Scout HQ opposite Methodist Chapel to SE of castle remains	SO 40421 51315 Pit JA16	Tarmac >> gravel & aggregate sub-base >> redeposited reddish-brown silty clay, occasional post-medieval CBM fragments	NAI
04/04/07	Hereford Road opposite entrance to Chapel Orchard	SO 40431 51293 Pit JA17	Tarmac >> gravel & aggregate sub-base >> dark brown silty clay >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
04/04/07	Hereford Road opposite 'Greystones'	SO 40434 51249 PIT JA18	Tarmac >> gravel & aggregate sub-base >> redeposited mid brown silty clay	NAI
10/04/07	Hereford Road opposite 'Greystones'	SO 40438 51254 PIT JA19	Tarmac >> gravel & aggregate sub-base >> clean reddish-brown silty clay	NAI
10/04/07	Hereford Road adjacent to castle remains, 15m S of 'Oak View'	SO 40418 51355 Pit JA20	Tarmac >> gravel sub-base >> clean reddish-brown sandy clay	NAI
11/04/07	Opposite Burton Wood junction	SO 40596 51218 Pit JA21	Dark blackish-brown sandy silt, occasional post-medieval CBM >> gravel & aggregate sub-base >> reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional small subangular stones & very occasional larger subangular stones	NAI
16/04/07	Hereford Road opposite castle remains adjacent to barn next to 'Oak View'	SO 40424 51357 Pit WL58	Tarmac >> greyish stony sub-base >> firm light reddish-orange silty clay, occasional medium angular sandstone >>	NAI



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			loose light brown sand, frequent small stones	
18/04/07	Hereford Road junction with Burton Wood	SO 40461 51168 Pit WL59	Tarmac >> grey stony sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, moderate large subangular sandstones	NAI
23/04/07	Hereford Road junction with Burton Wood	SO 40461 51168 Pit MS73	Tarmac >> grey stony aggregate sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, moderate large subangular sandstone	NAI
30/04/07	Hereford Road footpath to W of 'The Unicorn' PH	SO 40315 51571 Pit WL60	Tarmac >> concrete & stony sub-base, occasional CBM >> firm reddish-brown silty clay, occasional small angular stones	NAI
01/05/07	High Street outside 'The Unicorn' PH	SO 40305 51564 Pit WL61	Tarmac >> concrete & stony sub-base >> firm reddish silty clay, occasional animal bone	NAI
01/05/07	High Street outside 'The Unicorn' PH car park	SO 40342 51586 Pit WL62	Tarmac >> sub-base >> firm brownish-red sandy silty clay, frequent angular stones	NAI
01/05/07	Hereford Road on corner at junction with Broad Street opposite No. 1	SO 40286 51597 Pit WL63	Tarmac >> sub-base, rubble & CBM >> firm mid brown sandy silt, very frequent angular stones >> firm reddish silty clay, occasional angular stones, glass, roofing slate, brick, C19 china & pottery	NAI
02/05/07	High Street outside driveway next to 'St Columba's'	SO 40351 51584 Pit WL64	Pavement & kerb brace >> concrete & stony sub-base >> heavily disturbed mid red gritty silty clay, moderate pebbles & small stones	NAI
02/05/07	Hereford Road outside 'Throne View Cottage'	SO 40336 51607 Pit WL65	Tarmac >> stony sub-base >> moderately compacted reddish-orange silty clay, frequent large angular stones	NAI
03/05/07	High Street in	SO 40331 51550	Tarmac >> concrete	Foundation



Date	Location	Grid ref/pit or section no.	Description	Results
	driveway beside 'The Unicorn' PH	Pit WL66	& angular stone sub-base, frequent CBM >> firm reddish silty clay, occasional small angular stones	plinth partially exposed
03/05/07	Outside 'Throne View Cottage'	SO 40370 51647 Pit WL67	Tarmac >> stony sub-base, CBM fragments >> firm dark reddish-brown gritty silty clay, moderate angular sandstone >> firm / plastic reddish-orange silty clay	NAI
08/05/07	Hereford Road outside front door of 'The Throne'	SO 40382 51560 Pit JA22	Concrete paving slab >> dark brown silty sub-base >> tarmac >> tarmac & aggregate sub-base >> firm mid reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional subangular stones	NAI
09/05/07	Hereford Road, outside 'The Throne'	SO 40384 51589 Pit JA23	Tarmac >> reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional tarmac & CBM fragments & frequent small to medium subangular stones	NAI
09/05/07	Junction of High Street, Gadbridge Road & Hereford Road	SO 40373 51574 Pit JA24	Tarmac >> sub-base >> moderately compact redeposited reddish-brown sandy clay, moderate brick fragments & CBM, occasional post-medieval ceramic sherds & frequent small & medium subangular stones	NAI
10/05/07	Junction of High Street, Gadbridge Road & Hereford Road	SO 40374 515746 Pit MS74	Tarmac >> tarmac & aggregate sub-base >> moderately compacted reddish-brown sandy clay, occasional CBM & frequent sandstone	NAI

## 5.2 Further information & interpretation

### 5.2.1 Masonry wall of early post-medieval date identified in pit excavated on verge of Kington Road, opposite Park View (Pit WL35) – NGR SO 39625 51904

During the excavation of a pit on the S verge of Kington Road, opposite Park View (dimensions measuring 3.4m × 1.2m × 1.4m), the remains of a substantial masonry wall were identified in the N-facing section (**Plate 1**). The visible remains of the wall (102), which underlay a loose greyish-brown silty clay topsoil (101) with evidence of frequent root disturbance (0-0.1m), measured 3.4m long and 1.2m deep and comprised seven courses of roughly worked, irregular sandstone slabs bonded with reddish earth and exhibiting evidence of brick infill in the uppermost courses. The wall in turn overlay a firm reddish-brown clay (104) extending to the base of the pit.

### 5.2.2 Historical Details

The wall appears to represent the lower courses of the external wall of a small cottage that occupied a narrow strip of land immediately fronting onto the S side of Kington Road and is marked on the Weobley tithe map of 1838, the OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6-inch map of 1888 and subsequent OS maps until the early 1950s. The OS 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 6-inch map of 1904 also shows a well located to the rear of the building, which is still marked on modern maps of the area. Although no finds were recovered from the cut of the wall that might have provided a firm date for its construction, the irregular coursing of the wall and the substantial nature of the masonry suggest that it was probably built during the early post-medieval period and subsequently repaired at some point in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Plate 1: View showing remains of substantial masonry wall identified in N-facing section of pit on S verge of Kington Road at NGR SO 39625 51904

### 5.2.3 Remains of post-medieval masonry walling located in Bell Square opposite 'Brook Cottage' (Pit WL25) – NGR SO40185 51727 - & in Bell Square at the W end of 'The Red Lion Hotel' (Pit WL24) – NGR SO40194 51725

The remains of two sections of masonry walling were identified approximately 10m apart on the N side of the modern road in Bell Square adjacent to and immediately W of the Red Lion Hotel. The remains revealed in Pit WL25 were located at a depth of roughly 0.3m (**Plate 2**) and those in WL24 at approximately 0.5m (**Plate 3**).

Pit WL25: Underlying the modern tarmac road surface (201) and sub-base (202) was a firm mid reddish clay with frequent medium angular stones (203) and at the base of the pit a firm mid red sandy clay with frequent stone inclusions (206). Cutting (206) was [205], the cut for wall (204), which comprised large roughly hewn sandstone blocks bonded with a mid brown sandy clay.

Pit WL24: These remains were located c. 10m E of Pit WL25 during the excavation of a pit measuring 1.9m (E-W) and 0.8m (N-S). Underlying the modern tarmac road surface (301) and sub-base (302) was a firm mid red silty clay with occasional rubble inclusions and deposits of mid brown clay (303). This material overlay the remains of a sandstone masonry wall (304) at a depth of approximately 0.5m below the existing ground level comprising roughly hewn blocks bonded with a plastic clay. These extended to the base of the pit at a depth of roughly 1m.



Plate 2: Remains of post-medieval masonry walling located in Bell Square opposite 'Brook Cottage' at NGR SO40185 51727

### 5.2.4 Historical Details

The masonry remains found in these two locations appear to be associated with a wall or culvert which ran E-W along the N side of Bell Square, immediately to the W of the Red Lion Hotel, a Grade II\* Listed building of 14<sup>th</sup> century date. The 1838 tithe map of Weobley shows that the street frontage of the Red Lion originally extended much further



to the W than at present, with a long range of outbuildings fronting onto Bell Square. By 1887, however, the OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 25-inch map shows that this range of outbuildings had been partially demolished and a garden plot laid out to the W of the Red Lion. It would seem likely that these masonry remains were related to these demolished outbuildings to the W of the Red Lion, which may have been of late medieval or early post-medieval date and were taken down at some point between 1838 and 1887.



Plate 3: Remains of post-medieval masonry walling located in Bell Square at NGR SO40194 51725

### 5.2.5 Masonry wall foundations identified in pit excavated in Bell Square opposite 'Bellbrook Cottage' (Pit WL21) – NGR SO 40133 51671

During the excavation of a pit in Bell Square opposite 'Bellbrook Cottage' (the dimensions of which measured 5.7m × 1.2m × 1.2m) the heavily truncated remains of the lowest courses of a masonry wall (403) (**Plate 4**) were identified in the SE-facing section at a depth of 0.52m, underlying a weakly cemented reddish sandy clay subsoil (402) containing frequent sub angular stones which in turn overlaid a tarmac and stone sub-base (401).

The visible remains of the wall, aligned NE-SW and running parallel with the present roadway, measured 5.7m long and 0.28m deep and consisted of three courses of very irregularly coursed, roughly worked sandstone slabs of varying size, bonded with a reddish clay with frequent small stone inclusions. The wall cut into a firm reddish sandy clay (405) with frequent gritty inclusions and small angular and subangular stones, which extended to the base of the pit.

### 5.2.6 Historical Details

The wall may be associated with a series of four small properties shown on the Weobley tithe map of 1838, which occupied a small rectangular enclosure at the SW corner of Bell Square, immediately fronting onto the street. These properties marked as Nos. 714, 715, 716 and 718 on the tithe map, were 'vote houses' belonging to the Marquis of Bath

and appear to have been largely demolished in 1844-45. The OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition map of 1888 shows that, out of the four houses shown on the 1838 tithe map, only the easternmost two buildings appear to have survived, the rest of the plot having been cleared and converted to orcharding. No finds were recovered from the foundation cut of the wall that might indicate the date of its construction but an early post-medieval date seems likely.



Plate 4: View showing remains of heavily truncated masonry wall revealed in pit excavated at Bell Square opposite Bellbrook Cottage at NGR SO 40133 51671

### 5.2.7 Remains of post-medieval boundary wall and wooden post identified in pit excavated in driveway outside 'Misty Glen', Back Lane (Pit MS3) - NGR SO 40163 51589

The remains of a sandstone wall aligned NW-SE (**Plate 5**) were identified in the SW-facing section of a pit excavated outside 'Misty Glen', a property located on the E side of Back Lane at NGR SO 40163 51589 (dimensions of pit measuring 3.3m × 1.4m × 1.2m). The wall underlay a brick sub-base (502) 0.1-0.28m deep, which in turn underlay a tarmac road surface (501). The wall remains (503) measured 2.9m l × 0.28m × 0.92m and comprised two courses of roughly worked, irregularly coursed yellowish sandstone slabs of various sizes, bonded with reddish clay containing frequent small angular stone inclusions. The wall in turn overlay a firm mid reddish-brown clay containing small subangular stones extending to the base of the trench (504). Embedded within the fabric of the wall and cutting into (504) was an oak post, measuring 0.4m in height and 0.1m in width and of indeterminate thickness.

### 5.2.8 Historical Details

The masonry remains appear to represent the foundations of a stone boundary wall running along the E side of Back Lane and marking the W end of a rectangular enclosure shown on the Weobley tithe map of 1838 and the OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6-inch map of

1888. No finds were recovered in association with the wall, although the irregular coursing of the masonry suggests an early post-medieval date.



Plate 5: View NE showing remains of stone boundary wall and associated wooden post in SW facing section of pit at NGR SO 40163 51589

## 6. Conclusion

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The archaeological observation revealed the remains of a number of demolished masonry structures, which have been identified, where possible, by reference to the relevant cartographic evidence. These include:

1/ A small cottage occupying a narrow strip of land immediately fronting onto the south side of Kington Road, which is marked on the Weobley tithe map of 1838, the OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6-inch map of 1888 and subsequent OS maps until the early 1950s. The irregular coursing of the wall and the substantial nature of the masonry suggest that it was probably built during the early post-medieval period and subsequently repaired at some point in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

2/ The remains of a series of four small 'vote houses' of probable early post-medieval date belonging to the Marquis of Bath and shown on the Weobley tithe map of 1838. These properties occupied a small rectangular enclosure at the southwest corner of Bell Square, immediately fronting onto the street, and appear to have been largely demolished in 1844-45.

3/ A wall or culvert which ran E-W along the N side of Bell Square, immediately to the W of the Red Lion Hotel, a Grade II\* Listed building of 14<sup>th</sup> century date. The 1838 tithe map of Weobley shows that the street frontage of the Red Lion originally extended much further to the W than at present, with a long range of outbuildings fronting onto Bell





Square. By 1887, however, the OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 25-inch map shows that this range of outbuildings had been partially demolished and a garden plot laid out to the W of the Red Lion. It would seem likely that these masonry remains were related to these demolished outbuildings to the W of the Red Lion, which may have been of late medieval or early post-medieval date and were taken down at some point between 1838 and 1887.

4/ The foundations of a stone boundary wall running along the east side of Back Lane and marking the western end of a rectangular enclosure shown on the Weobley tithe map of 1838 and the OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 6-inch map of 1888. No finds were recovered in association with the wall, although the irregular coursing of the masonry suggests an early post-medieval date.

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## 9. Cartography

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*(All maps were obtained from the Herefordshire Record Office unless otherwise stated)*

1838 Tithe Map of Weobley Parish

1887 OS 1<sup>st</sup> edition 25-inch map (Herefordshire 25.3)

1905 OS 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 25-inch map (Herefordshire 25.3)

1948 OS provisional edition 6-inch map (Herefordshire 25 NW)



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